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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Legislative Matters

1. On this date I met with Admiral Taylor and Colonel White for the weekly discussion of legislative business.

2. Advised that, despite the Senate announcing it would be in recess tomorrow, we had no firm word of any cancellation of the Stennis Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee hearing. Later, Admiral Taylor advised that a UPI item indicated that Senator Stennis had announced that the Director would be appearing tomorrow.

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4. Touched briefly on the Rusk Task Force report. No action is necessary other than sending a copy to DDP which has been accomplished.

5. Referred briefly to the discussions with the offices of Senators Allott and Dominick on the query from the collegiate editor at Colorado State University and the firm stand taken by the two Senators in their joint telegram.

6. Advised that the Porter Hardy Special Investigating Subcommittee has indicated they will be forwarding an appropriate letter to the Agency in the near future concerning resumption of hearings.

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7. Advised that while Senator Miller had been rescheduled for breakfast on April 10, he subsequently cancelled.

8. Discussed the personal inquiry by Senator Milton Young on behalf of a pilot applicant, [] to Air America. This was related to the DDP's discussion of the problems in Vientiane at today's morning meeting. Colonel White suggested that I talk further with [] which will be done. STATOTHR

9. Mentioned discussions on notification to Senator Russell and Chairman Rivers on the current status of the cost-of-living adjustments in the various retirement systems as related to the Agency retirement system. It was agreed that the draft letters which had been prepared will be forwarded to Colonel White.

10. Discussed the recent bills introduced by both Dulski (H. R. 16288) and Brewster (S. 3276) liberalizing the Civil Service Retirement Act. It was indicated that these liberalizations have no chance this session according to present estimates, but that undoubtedly they will come up in the future and eventually some liberalization can be expected. It was indicated the purpose of raising this was to point out the problem of liberalization of the Civil Service Retirement Act in almost every Congress and the consequent necessity of the Agency keeping the CIA Retirement Act up to date. Colonel White expressed the wish that somehow we could tie Agency liberalization to either Foreign Service or Civil Service liberalizations. The question of wishes of our own Subcommittee Chairmen as well as the jurisdictional problems were mentioned as obstacles.

11. Discussed the Gallagher eavesdropping bill (H. R. 602) and the adjustments we had made in the proposed report at the request of the Bureau of the Budget. It was indicated that in a practical sense the likely passage of S. 917 preempts this area.

12. Discussed briefly S. 633 which establishes a permanent career system for USIA. Advised that this had passed the Senate and was in the process of being approved in the committee and does grant

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Foreign Service benefits, including retirement, through incorporation by reference which we had tried earlier on our independent retirement system and had been turned down by House Armed Services Committee.

13. As a matter of information, mentioned the Blester bill, H. R. 16265, which would amend the National Security Act of 1947 to add two members to the National Security Council, one a member of the Senate and the other a member of the House of Representatives. It was indicated the forecast for action on this was very negative.

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